



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine  
Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**

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## Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

### Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

**Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)**

**Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.**

**Veterinary Shortage ID Code: WI111**

#### Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Far Northwestern Wisconsin  
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or  
Location of Position: Minong WI represent the approximate geographic center of the shortage area.  
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

#### Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☐ Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☐ Beef Cattle
- ☐ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☒ Beef Cattle
- ☒ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☒ Poultry
- ☒ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time\*)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

It is expected that the selected veterinarian would devote a minimum of 30% of their time annually to mixed production animal practice. Significant travel would be required as the area encompasses approximately 8 counties. Companion animal veterinarians are available in the larger towns but production animal service is limited with the exception of the area around Hayward WI.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

A veterinarian filling this shortage area could expect to perform diagnostic, medical and surgical services on a variety of production animal species. In addition, there will be need to provide information and recommendations on herd expansion, herd preventive medicine practices, consultation on public health issues, education on bio-security and general livestock health outreach in the community.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

This area was approved as a shortage area last year and there were no selected candidates. The only objective recruitment information available is a comment received last year from a practice adjacent to this area that they spend 4 years recruiting an acceptable production animal veterinarian.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Wisconsin is a major livestock state. In addition to having more dairy cattle than any other state we also have significant numbers of beef and swine with a small ruminant industry that continues to grow. While this area only represents about 2% of the cattle herd numbers in the state any undisclosed disease outbreaks could rapidly spread to other parts of WI and surrounding states resulting in a significant economic impact. Having insufficient production animal veterinarians leaves a gap in the surveillance system and represents a risk to animal and public health. This area is also less densely populated so public health information could also be compromised.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

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